



*This proclamation was never
published but suppressed*

¶ By the King.

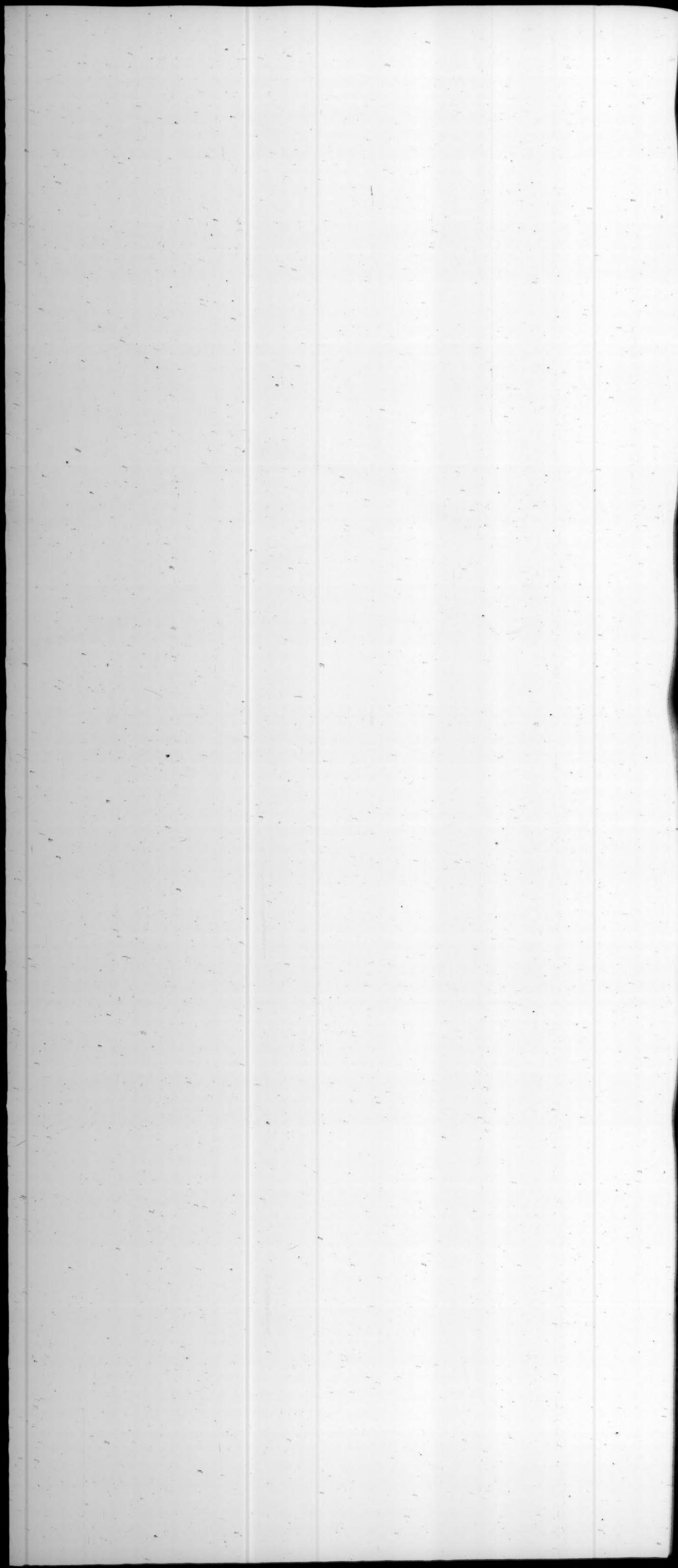
¶ A Proclamation for the wearing of
Woollen Clothes.



He Kings most Excellent Maestie taking into his princely consideration, the great and manifold inconveniences, which dayly grow unto the State by the excesse of Apparell, generally vsed within this Kingdome, whereby not onely the state and meanes of particular persons (chiefly of the Nobilitie and Gentle-
men) is wasted and weakened; but also the generall stocke of the Kingdome, in point of Trade, doeth continually decay by receiving in a greater quantitie and value of forraigne Commodities, then the native Commodities exported doe counteruaile: The Cloth also, and clothing of this Kingdome, and the Draperie of all sorts, as well old as new, and all the manufactures thereupon depending (whereby infinite numbers of good people are set on worke) are much hindered; And lastly there followeth besides the mischieses aforesaid, in the politique part of the government, no lesse euill effects in corruption of Mancers tending to pride and riot:

Hath thought good (according to the examples of his Royall Progenitors in like cases) to give remedy thereunto, the rather, for that there is no Law at this time in force, for the repre-
sing of the same, but the former Lawes in that case provided were repealed, for that it was fore-
seen, that offences of that Nature were fitter to be left to his Maesties Proclamation, and other politique Ordinances (according to the events of time and occasion) then to bee regulate by a positive Law.

And herein his Maestie out of his great wisedome, and the experiance of former Rem-
edies, hath not thought good to loade his Royall Commandement and Ordinance, either with
too strickt prohibitions, or with distinctions of persons (which hath bene a principall cause, that
former Statutes and Proclamations both haue become fruitlesse) but would haue all his lo-
wing Subjects to understand, by the plauenesse and moderation of his Comm. ments, that
he expecteth to haue them fully and duely ob-



Wheretore His Maiestie straightly chargeth and commandeth, That no man of what degree soever, shall (after the 13. of January next following the date of these presents) weare in the outside of his Gowne, Cloake, Coat, Jerkin, Mandilion, or any other the like vpper Garment, or in the outside of his Hose, any maner of Stiffe of Cloth of Gold or Siluer, Acluet, Hatten, Taffata, or any other Stiffe whatsoever, Wholly made of Silke, or of Silke mixed with Gold or Siluer; Except it be on the Sunday, or other Holy-day, or Festiuall day, vpon paine of His Maiesties Indignation, and to be punished, as a Contemner, and Violater of His Maiesties Royall Commandement.

Also his Maiestie doeth likewise straightly charge and commaund vpon like paine, That no person of either sexe, of what degree soever, shall vse or weare after the day aforesaid, in any of their Mourning gownes, or Cloakes, at Funerals, or otherwise, any other Stiffe, but only English broad Cloth.

And further his Maiestie doth declare and command, That if any person shall offend against this his Maiesties Royall Proclamation, that is of the degree of a Lord of Parliament, or of the eldest sonne of Duke, Marquesse, or Earle, And so of Ladies of like degree, such person shall be censured in the Starre-chamber for their contempt in that behalfe; And doth straightly charge and command his Attourney and Solicitor Generall, to vse all diligence for the bringing of such Offenders to censure, without respect of persons.

And if such Offendour be vnder the degree aforesaid, then his Maiestie doeth by these presents authorize and straightly charge and command all and euery Justices of Assize, Justices of Peace, Mayors, Bayliffes, and other head Officers in Townes corporate, and the Chancellours of both the Uniuersities, or their Vice-chancellours, That vpon their sight, and view of any such Offendour, They shall soorthwith commit the same offender to prison, there to remaine vntill he hath giuen sufficient bond or caution (in some reasonable summe to His Maiesties vse) for his obedience to this His Maiesties Proclamation in time to come.

And neuerthelesse his Maiestie intendeth not, but that such Offenders may be brought into the Starre-Chamber, there to be censured aswell as the Offenders of higher degree.

Lastly, His Maiestie doth straightly charge and command, aswell all Justices of Assize, Justices of Peace, Mayors, Bayliffes, and other Head-Officers in Townes corporate, and the Chancellours of both Uniuersities, and the Vice-Chancellours, to vse the vtmost of their diligence, care and industrie, to finde out and come to the view of euery such Offender, and vpon the view, them to attache and commit as aforesaid, as also all Constables and Petty-Constables, both to giue Information and Intelligence vnto such Justices and Officers aforesayd, of every such Offender, to the end they may come to the view of them, and also to be aiding and assisting vnto them in the execution of this His Maiesties Royall Commandement.

Given at Our Pallace of Westminster, the 27. day of December, in the 14. yeere of Our
Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God sauе the King.



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most Excellent Maiestie. Anno Dom. 1616.